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BERLIN AIR SERVICE

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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL MAY 15 AND FOLLOWED UP ON HIS MAY 3 DEMARCHE REGARDING NECESSITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF LOW-COST BERLIN AIR SERVICE. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT ONE ASPECT OF PROBLEM, RAPID AND LARGE INCREASE IN FUEL COSTS, WAS BECOMING EXTREMELY URGENT, REQUIRING RAPID SOLUTION. VAN WELL RESPONDED THAT, SINCE FUEL COST PROBLEM WAS, INDEED, THE MAJOR PRESSING ASPECT OF OVERALL PROBLEM, HE WOULD PRESS AHEAD WITH A QUICK ANSWER ON THIS ITEM SEPARATE FROM OVERALL FRG REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE. VAN WELL CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THAT HE KNEW OF STRONG FEELINGS WITHIN FRG AGAINST ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIES, AND THE TREND WAS NOT TO INCREASE BUT TO DECREASE THEM. THE AMBASSADOR ENDED DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM BY AGAIN
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REFERRING TO NECESSITY TO REACH A FAST SOLUTION ON FUEL

COSTS PROBLEM AND BY AGAIN URGING A QUICK, POSITIVE
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